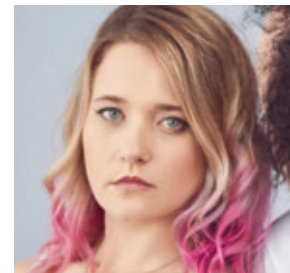
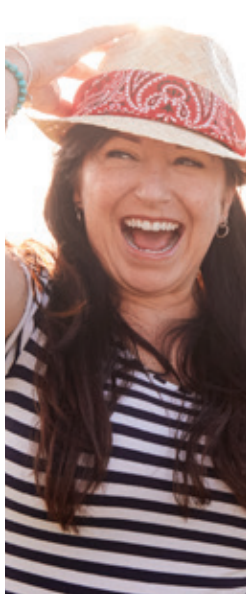


## Other Resources



## For More Information

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Stopping HIV transmission  
one person at a time.

*Are you PrEPed SC?*

## What is PrEP?

- PrEP stands for **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis**.
- It is a safe and effective **pill taken daily to prevent HIV** and can lower your chances of contracting HIV by up to 70%.

## Why should women take PrEP?

- **Women** account for 1 in 5 new HIV diagnosis.
- As of 2015, **56%** of newly diagnosed women lived in the Southeastern US.
- 468,000 US women are eligible for PrEP but **only 2%** are taking it.



## Who should consider PrEP?

- **Anyone in an ongoing relationship with an HIV-positive partner** and does not regularly use condoms
- Anyone **sexually active** and in a non-monogamous relationship
- Anyone with **prior STDs** (gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia)

## When does PrEP start working?

- PrEP is effective after 20 days for those who have **vaginal** sex and after 7 days for those who have **anal/rectal** sex.

## Can I take PrEP while pregnant?

- **Yes.** PrEP is safe to take while you are pregnant/breastfeeding.

## Can I take PrEP while on birth control?

- **Yes.** PrEP is safe and does not interfere with your birth control.



## Does PrEP protect against other STDs?

**No.** PrEP does not protect against other STDs. **Condoms** are the only way to protect against other STDs when sexually active.

## How do I pay for PrEP?

- PrEP is covered by **most** insurance companies and Medicaid.
- Co-pay cards and drug assistance programs for the uninsured are available through Gilead.
- **Ready, Set, PrEP** provides PrEP medication at no cost. Visit [getyourprep.com](https://getyourprep.com) for more information.

